

## Volunteer Experiences

*"I felt like my voice had value at Hamomi, which is something this organization seems to instill in everyone who crosses its path. I was consistently humbled not only by the encouragement I was shown, but by the honesty of intention exuded by each and every member of this community. I have added a variety of skills to my toolkit that will be at my disposal for years to come and have growing confidence in my ability to forge new paths. Everyone is working for the same thing: to uplift – the kids, the teachers, and the community, both locally and globally. I can't wait to go back!"*

*-Anna Bornstein, B.A. Candidate  
Northeastern University*

*As a volunteer at Hamomi's Children's Centre, I organized the center's first HIV/AIDS awareness and testing workshop to educate the community. The workshop resulted in first-time testing of dozens of adults and children and educated families about HIV/AIDS.*

*Volunteering at Hamomi was the most challenging and satisfying experience of my life. I am now in medical school at the University of Washington. I feel that my time spent in Kenya has contributed to my desire to pursue a career in medicine and help individuals with limited access to healthcare. I hope I can return as a physician to make even more of an impact at Hamomi.*

*-Carolyn Chen, MS2  
University of Washington School of Medicine*

*Volunteering with my 3 sisters and working with the female students and faculty at Hamomi changed my perspective on the immense role of basic health care and education to providing better life opportunities to these children. Hamomi is accomplishing both and I am so happy to be a part of the Hamomi family.*

*-Megan Caress, Pediatric Nurse*

*Hamomi's comprehensive and holistic approach to education allows volunteers of all backgrounds to contribute to their mission of development, in every sense of the word. While I hoped to contribute to the organization by improving medical services for the school, I have no doubt that the students and staff of Hamomi taught me much more. From the dinners with my host family, to long talks with Rafael about health care, to teaching a math problem to the third graders, it is difficult to succinctly summarize all that I took away from my time at Hamomi.*

*-Kevin Padrez, MS4  
UC San Francisco School of Medicine*

